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U. S. PROBES ARABIC SINKING: TWO AMERICANS KILLED

STORM SWEEPING NORTH; ST. LOUIS PARTLY FLOODED

Missouri Valley Now Getting Weather Experience—Great Lakes Region Expects It Soon—Rivers Are High Over Banks

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The weather bureau has received reports that the tropical storm which swept the Gulf coast and Texas has moved north and that the weather is steadily growing worse in Missouri. It is expected that the storm will soon reach the Great Lakes region.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 20.—The southwest section of this city is flooded as a result of a tremendous rain and windstorm that has swept up from the south.

Boats are being used to navigate the streets and the railroad tracks are under water.

The Des Peres river has increased in width from six feet to 900 in a few hours.

The flood waters are so deep in many places that only the roofs and chimneys of houses are visible. Great damage is feared.

SAN FRANCISCO MEN ENROLLED IN MILITARY CAMP

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 20.—Eighty-one men were enrolled today with prospects for a considerably larger attendance when the businessmen's military training camp opened at the Presidio. The camp will be conducted for four weeks and the businessmen will be given an insight into preliminary preparedness.

CARRANZA ARMY WINS TOWN AND THEN LOSES IT

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—News has been received here that the Carranza forces won an important victory from the Villa army at Durango on August 13, taking the city, but that later the Villa soldiers recaptured it.

CHICAGO MARKSMAN IS WINNER OF HIGH HONOR

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 20.—L. B. Clarke of Chicago won the Grand American Handicap, the blue-ribbon event of the trapshooting tournaments, today. He was placed on the 17-yard mark and broke 96 out of 100 clay pigeons.

SURGEON-GENERAL BLUE GIVEN MEDAL OF HONOR

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Surgeon-general Rupert Blue was today awarded the medal of the American Medical Association for distinguished services.

BAR ASSOCIATION TO LET MR. GREGORY KNOW HIS STAND APPRECIATED

The Bar Association will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the room of the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange to pass resolutions of thanks to Attorney-general Gregory and through him to President Wilson. This is the result of the attorney-general's action in recommending the reappointment of Chief Justice Robertson and Circuit Judge Whitney and the president's action in promptly reappointing them. The Bar Association, recognizing in these reappointments that party politics has been put aside and the best interests of an efficient judiciary observed, wishes to express its appreciation of the administration's attitude toward the Hawaiian bench. It is probable also that resolutions will be presented expressing the association's regret at the death of Judge Hardy of Kauai.

War munitions in large quantities are piling up at Vladivostok. Shortage of freight cars and engines is holding back the supplies so urgently needed at the front. Elmer W. Hurst, financier and attorney and a leader in Democratic politics in Illinois, died at Rock Island of heart disease. He was 63 years old.

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RUMOR ROLPH MAY GET INTO HAWAIIAN TRADE



JAMES ROLPH, JR.

FRISCO'S MAYOR ABOUT TO ENTER HAWAIIAN TRADE?

Hind, Rolph & Company Said to Be Building Two Vessels for Run to Honolulu

Two new ships, both designed to carry passengers as well as freight between Honolulu and San Francisco—that is the new topic on San Francisco's waterfront these days, according to word reaching Honolulu which goes into further detail and says that the two ships, one of them about the size of the Matsonia, are being built now for Hind, Rolph & Company, controlled by Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco, or for the allied Rolph Navigation Company, which was organized last year, and purchased several coastwise ships.

Rumor credits Mayor Rolph with having made a frank avowal of his intention to put his two new ships on the Honolulu-San Francisco run.

That such a line of ships would stand a good chance of drawing a sugar tonnage from the islands is claimed from the affiliations of those interested in the Hind, Rolph organization. The Hind interests, it is pointed out, have large holdings of sugar lands in the Kohala district, and Hind, Rolph & Company already have branch brokerage, shipping and commission offices in Honolulu, in the Campbell block, on Fort and Merchant streets.

In some quarters of the sugar and brokerage district of the city the plan for the new ships is thought to have some connection with the fact that the new contract of the Sugar Factors with the American-Hawaiian line will be shorter lived than the previous agreement, a fact which would make the diversion of some sugar tonnage to the Hind, Rolph ships an easy matter in the not too distant future.

Police men to the number usually employed in a Keystone comedy, swarmed around the Alakea street wharf this morning, looking for Joseph D. Terris, a stowaway on the Makura. They arrived about 10 minutes after he had left the ship.

Terris' 10-minute start didn't help him much, however, because he was arrested by Harbor Officer Carter shortly before noon and placed in a cell at the city jail to be held for investigation.

The reason Terris is wanted so badly, is that he is charged with being a U. S. deserter. The man stowed himself away on the Makura at Auckland, and paid for his passage here by work.

A message to look out for Terris was received by the police. The immigration inspectors passed the deserter, so that he was not detained after the ship docked.

THINKS PACIFIC MAIL SHIPS WILL CONTINUE ON RUN

J. Edwardson, Back From the Coast, Says Panama Liners Will Also Go to Atlantic Co.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE IS MADE BY UNION HEADS

Say Atlantic Shipowners Tried to Get Those on West Coast to Tie Up Passenger Traffic

That the transpacific liners of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, recently transferred to the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia, will not be taken from the Pacific run but will continue their present schedules, is the firm belief of Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, and of other high officials of the union, is the word brought to Honolulu by J. Edwardson, delegate from the Honolulu union to the big international convention recently concluded at San Francisco.

"We know of the dummy transfer of the five Pacific liners to the Atlantic Transport Company—knew of it several months ago," said Mr. Edwardson this morning. "More than that we are satisfied that the Pacific Mail's eight other ships, now running from San Francisco to Panama, will soon be turned over to the same company."

"The Panama line ships will then go into the Frisco-New York trade, and the Pacific Mail Company will go out of existence as a corporate entity."

"The transfer of the ships from one company to another is really no sale, merely a legal freeing of the vessels from Southern Pacific control so that the company can operate through the Panama canal, railroad owned vessels being denied the use of that waterway."

"Not only will the transpacific liners continue on their route to the Orient, but from the Orient, but they will remain under the American flag, and Honolulu's passenger facilities will not be reduced. The threat to switch the ships to another run under a foreign flag is merely another phase of a nation-wide conspiracy to deceive the public and an attempt to bulldoze Congress into repealing the Seamen's Act."

Mr. Edwardson smiled dryly, and continued: "That act will not be repealed at the coming session of Congress. I learned from the union officials at San Francisco that they have assurances from Democratic leaders and from a member of President Wilson's cabinet, that the Seamen's Act will not be tampered with until it has been tried out and been proven a failure."

"Why, if the bill does prove fatal to American shipping, as some ship owners claim it will, the Seamen's Union will be the first organization to make a move to have it amended or modified. We realize as well as anyone that our own prosperity rests upon the success and growth of the American merchant marine, and we shall never approve nor support any legislation which will drive American ships from the seas."

"The union is officially supporting the McAdoo Ship Purchase Bill, which will undoubtedly be up for congressional consideration at the next session of that body."

The eight ships of the Pacific Mail now running from San Francisco to Panama, which union officials believe will be transferred to the Atlantic Transport Company, are the City of Para, City of Sydney, Newport, Pennsylvania, San Juan, Peru, San Jose and Atac.

Mr. Edwardson, who returned to the islands in the Matsonia last Tuesday, brings word of amazing charges made during the session of the union convention in San Francisco. He says

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NEW CONTRACT FOR CARRYING SUGAR TO EAST COAST DUE SOON

A new contract for the carrying of Hawaiian raw sugars to the Delaware Breakwater via the Panama Canal, will soon be entered into between the Sugar Factors and the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company.

Street rumor has it that the final details of the contract have been agreed upon, but that the agreement has not yet been formally signed, but will be upon arrival of documents from the East. A new scale per ton, higher than that which has been in effect, and a much shorter life to the contract than that which expires about October 1, are said to be the outstanding features of the new agreement.

The present contract has been in effect since 1905 without change. The new contract, it is said, will be for two years only with option of renewal.

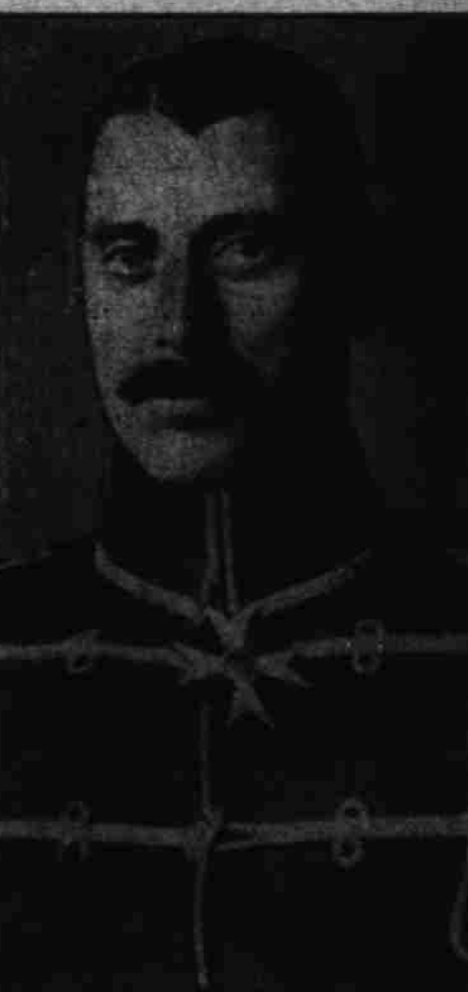
Grave Questions Raised by Germany's Act Russians Lose Last Stronghold in Poland

GERMANY CLAIMS SEA VICTORY IN FLOTILLA BATTLE

Also Official Reports Tell of Zeppelin Attacks at English Points—Say Damage Done on Thames at Ipswich

The following cablegram from official German sources was received last evening:
"German admiralty reports: 'On August 17 at 2 o'clock five boats of one of our torpedo flotillas attacked a small modern British cruiser and eight torpedo boats and destroyers near Horns off Jutland. We sunk the cruiser and one of the destroyers with torpedoes. Our forces had no losses.'
"During the night of the 17th and 18th our naval airships again attacked London. London City and important Thames establishments were liberally bombarded. Good results were observed. In addition the factories and blast furnaces at Woodbridge and Ipswich were bombarded.
"The airships suffered no damage despite heavy fire upon them and all returned."

HIS COUNTRY ANGERED AT GERMANY'S ACTIONS



King Christian of Denmark. The halting of a Danish steamer by a German submarine and seizure of the mails has excited the Danes to a high pitch.

British, Spanish and Norwegian Steamers Among Day's War-toll

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 20.—The British steamers New York City, Restormel and Baron Erskine have been sunk by German submarines. The crew of the New York City was saved but the fate of the others is not known.

Coupled with the news of the sinking of these British vessels comes the news that several more vessels of neutral nationality have been torpedoed also. The Spanish steamer Perla Castillo and the Norwegian steamer Sverresborg are victims of the submarine attack. Of the Spanish vessel's crew, three are known to have been rescued but no reports have come that the others reached shore and nothing is known as to the fate of those aboard the Sverresborg.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 20.—It is reported that the White Star liner Bovic, which is in the Australian service, has been sunk by a German submarine.

Italy and Turkey on Verge of War; Declaration Expected Soon

ROME, Italy, Aug. 20.—Declaration of war between Turkey and Italy is imminent. Relations have been strained ever since Italy and Austria went to war. Italy is delaying a formal break in order to protect the interests of 12,000 Italians who are residing at various points in Turkey. It is feared that after a declaration of war they would be in great danger of violent treatment.

Chases German Submarine Away

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 20.—A German submarine stopped the Norwegian steamer Irma but desisted and disappeared when a Norwegian torpedo boat, attracted by the halting of the steamer, arrived on the scene.

RECEIVER FOR HILO RAILROAD IS LIKELY STEP

In order to effect a reorganization of the company and to protect the interests of all of the investors now interested in the enterprise, the Hilo Railroad Company will probably be thrown into the hands of a receiver before long.

Two committees, one representing holders of the \$1,000,000 6 per cent bond issue of 1901, the other representing the owners of the \$1,500,000 worth of bonds issued in 1905, have long been negotiating over the actual details of the reorganization. It is understood that the terms of an agreement have been reached and that the basis of settlement is now being drawn up in the form of a legal

agreement by attorneys representing both sets of bondholders. This legal agreement is expected to be in shape early next week, after which the two committees will make public the terms arrived at.

A receivership, and subsequent reorganization is understood to be planned, together with a reduction of the rate of bond interest, and a possible diminishing of outstanding bonds.

SPANIARD WHO SHOT PORTUGUESE STILL EVADING CAPTURE

(Mutual Wireless.)

HILO, Hawaii, Aug. 20.—The Spaniard who shot and killed a Portuguese at Nansha on August 16, following a row over some chickens, is still at large, and a large posse of police is searching in the vicinity where the affair occurred. The Hilo National Guard is in readiness to take up the search, and is expecting orders today from Sheriff S. K. Pua, who is in Hilo.

NOVOGEORGIEVSK FALLS AND RUSS CAPITAL MAY BE MOVED TO MOSCOW; KAISER AT FRONT

EMPEROR WILHELM GOES TO FORTRESS TO CONGRATULATE TROOPS—NORWEGIAN TORPEDO-BOAT CHASES GERMAN SUBMARINE AWAY FROM STEAMER—RUPTURE BETWEEN ITALY AND TURKEY IMMINENT—FORMER DELAYS TO PROTECT SUBJECTS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 20.—Two Americans are now known to have been killed in the sinking of the White Star Arabic yesterday morning by a German submarine.

The two are Mrs. Josephine Brugiere of San Francisco, and Dr. Edmond Wood of Wisconsin. Several of the Americans who were rescued were injured.

The Arabic was torpedoed on the starboard side, near the boilers. Tugs are now patrolling the waters in the vicinity searching for possible survivors and other bodies. Twenty-three of those known to be aboard are still unaccounted for.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Secretary of State Lansing has directed that a strict inquiry be made into the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Arabic.

Affidavits are to be secured by the American diplomatic and consular representatives in England and Ireland from Americans who were aboard the Arabic. The administration makes it plain that it will await a full report on the facts before reaching any conclusions.

Among the grave questions raised by the occurrence are these:

Was the Arabic warned, and if so, did she disregard the warning and attempt to escape?

Did the acceptance of a British convoy at the beginning of the voyage from Liverpool operate to waive the rights of non-combatants on board?

By proceeding to the assistance of the torpedoed steamer Dunsley, was the rule broken which forbids one ship giving assistance to another that has been torpedoed?

Von Mackensen's Army Enters Forts Supporting Brest Litovsk Defenses

The following cablegram from official German sources came late yesterday:

"German Army headquarters, August 19: Two more forts on the north front of Novogeorgievsk have been stormed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army and 125 cannon taken. On account of the fall of Kovno the Russians have evacuated their positions opposite Kawlaja and Suwalki.

"Von Hindenburg's armies imprisoned altogether about 8000 Russians. Field Marshal von Mackensen's army has entered the advanced positions of the fortress of Brest Litovsk. Everywhere the Russians have been driven back, pursued by the Germans."

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Army Headquarters, August 20—The fortress of Novogeorgievsk, the last Russian stronghold in Poland, has been stormed by General von Beseler's forces after a stubborn resistance by the whole garrison. Of this garrison yesterday in the final combat more than 20,000 were taken prisoners and innumerable war materials captured.

"The German emperor with General von Beseler is at Novogeorgievsk."

20,000 Prisoners Said to be Taken in Fall of Novogeorgievsk

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 20.—Gen. von Beseler has taken Novogeorgievsk, the strong fortress north of Warsaw, and captured 20,000 prisoners and a large amount of munitions. The Kaiser is en route to the fallen stronghold to congratulate the troops upon their victory.

Moscow May be New Russian Capital

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 20.—The steady advance of the German-Austrian forces and the uncertainty whether they can be stopped if the Brest Litovsk line is thrust further back, is causing the Russian government leaders to consider seriously removing the capital from Petrograd to Moscow.

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